



8th Annual Network Retreat **CHARTING THE COURSE:**

Tools & Strategies for Taking Significant Next Steps

September 26-28, 2006
Long Beach Peninsula

About the Retreat:

The 8th Annual Network Retreat will celebrate possibility and potential. As we focus on tools and strategies for taking significant next steps, we will also be welcoming new colleagues from three communities across the state.

Thanks to their considerable efforts over the past several years, the recent restoration of funding, and decisions by the Family Policy Council, Pacific County, Columbia County and Vashon Island will be re-convening their Community Public Health and Safety Networks over the course of the next year! Please help to welcome, support and mentor these communities as they chart an exciting new course.

The retreat will be held at the lovely Sunset View Resort in Ocean Park. This beachside facility provides an opportunity for indoor and outdoor learning, celebration, and reflection.

What You Can Expect to Learn

Networks consistently say that the September Retreat provides the tools to conduct day-to-day work and operations. And this retreat will focus on three critical skills:

Community Inquiry. Participants in this module will take a “learning journey” to gain skill in gathering input from diverse corners of the community, building a collective understanding of issues, resources, perspectives and concerns, and identifying assets in the community. Limit: 20.

Strategic Thinking. Participants in this module will “go on Walkabout” to gain a deeper understanding of systems thinking and its application in community and systems change work. This is experiential learning design will take participants outside—to learn from the physical and ecological assets of Pacific County. Limit: 25.

Dialogue. Participants in this module will learn skills for convening and facilitating dialogue, with an emphasis on building capacity to deepen discussion and incorporate data into deliberations.

You can also expect to learn more about:

- Successes across the Network system.
- Where and how communities have driven down the rates of problem behaviors.
- What to expect during the next legislative session.

Who Should Attend?

This retreat is designed to be interactive, engaging and full of possibility for:

- Volunteers from re-emerging Network communities;
- New Network staff members;
- Experienced board and staff members; and
- Individuals who have perspective and wisdom on what it takes to start a Network.

Communities currently scoping or conducting the early phases of Review should consider participating in the Community Inquiry module.

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1-800-272-9199

Lodging/Location

Sunset View Resort
25517 Park Avenue
Ocean Park, WA 98640
1-800-272-9199/360-665-4494

The registration fee includes up to two nights at Sunset View Resort on September 26 & 27 for persons living more than 50 miles from Ocean Park. We are extremely lucky to be staying at the Sunset View, with its wonderful outdoor facilities and park-like setting. It is small—**please double up whenever it's feasible!**

You must make your own reservation no later than September 12. We cannot guarantee that rooms will be available after that date. When calling, ask for a room in the Family Policy Council block.

Don't Miss Out on this Incredible Opportunity!

Pre-registration is always necessary to ensure that all participants have meals, chairs, printed materials, and other essentials. It's even more important for this event.

Pacific County is a small place with limited meeting spaces and catering options. In addition, the Community Inquiry and Strategic Thinking modules will involve field trips and other activities that necessitate transportation and other logistics, such as delivering lunch to alternate locations. **To ensure the success of this retreat, please pre-register and select the module you prefer to participate in.**

Return the enclosed pre-registration materials no later than **Monday, September 18,** to:

Family Policy Council
P.O. Box 45015
Olympia, WA 98504-5015
FAX: 360-902-7853

Registration Fees

The registration fee for this event is \$75 and includes:

- All retreat activities, meals and breaks.
- Up to two nights of lodging at the Sunset View Resort on September 26 and 27.
- Written materials.

The fee has been waived for individuals from the Pacific County, Columbia County and Vashon Island re-starts. Pre-registration is still required.

Please join the Family Policy Council in welcoming Pacific County, Columbia County & Vashon Island back to the Community Network system!

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

- 10:00 am-3:00 pm **Network Basics: Pre-Conference Meeting for Re-Emerging Networks.** *This workshop will provide the opportunity to explore the essential characteristics and authority of Community Networks along with strategies for building capacity. Participants' questions will be addressed by Family Policy Council staff and experienced representatives of the Network system. Includes lunch.*
- 3:00 pm-5:00 pm **Welcome!** *All retreat participants will come together with the representatives from re-emerging Networks.*
- Strategies for Success: Kick-Off for the Retreat.** *Hear how the Network system is doing, including rate reductions and strategies for success from across the state.*
- 5:00 pm **Evening activities abound.**
- 7:00 pm-10:30 pm **Strategic Thinking Walkabout Begins.** *Walkabout is a learning tradition of the aboriginal peoples of Australia who, from time to time, journey into the landscape to renew their relationship with dreaming and community, and to foster their sense of belonging in the world. Participants in this module will have an opportunity to learn about systems thinking in the classroom, and to walk about the landscape to test ideas, gain inspiration, reflect, and engage in learning activities with others.*

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

- 9:00 am-10:00 am **Breakfast with Conference Overview.** *Take this opportunity to hear what we're learning about Networks—what does it take to be successful, to sustain in times of turbulent change?—and how that relates to the capacity-building modules.*
- 10:00 am-5:00 pm **MODULES—Choose one on pre-registration form**
- Strategic Thinking Walkabout Continues**
- Community Inquiry Begins.** *This module will introduce "learning journey" and other skills essential to gathering diverse input across the community. Drawn from the systems thinking "U-Process" (also the foundation for Review Guidance), Community Inquiry will give participants the opportunity to get out of the classroom and practice!*
- Dialogue Begins.** *This module will strengthen your skills to engage the community in meaningful dialogue, and will tackle the tough issues of going deeper and infusing data.*

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Thursday, September 28, 2006

- 9:00 am-2:00 pm **MODULES CONTINUE & CONCLUDE**
- 2:00 pm-3:30 pm **Learning Reports.** *Hear what we have learned about Pacific County, strategies for success and next steps.*
- 3:30 pm **Adjourn**



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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Your Name: _____

Your Network: _____

I Will Attend: ☐ Pre-Meeting for Re-Emerging Networks ☐ Retreat ☐ Both Meeting & Retreat

Module Choice for Persons Attending Retreat. Please indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice.

☐ Community Inquiry/Learning Journey

☐ Strategic Thinking Walkabout

☐ Dialogue

BILLING ADDRESS FOR REGISTRATION FEE:

Organization or Person to be Billed: _____

Street or Box: _____

City, State & Zip _____

Your Telephone: () - _____ **Your E-Mail:** _____

Emergency Contact & Phone: _____

Roommate If every participant at every event shared a room, we'd save about \$60,000 a year. So who's your roommate? Have you connected with them to make a reservation?

Do you have any special needs we should be aware of?

Persons needing assistance with an ADA accommodation should contact Krista at 360-902-7888 (voice), 360-902-7853 (fax), or goldskl@dshs.wa.gov (e-mail) by September 18, 2006.